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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: EXPANDABLE POLYSTYRENE      Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
     GRANULATES WITH A BI- OR MULTI-  
     MODAL MOLECULAR-WEIGHT  
     DISTRIBUTION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.